Study by Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute

3242. **PROF. NAUNIHAL SINGH:** Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a recent study done by the Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute has found that there has been a fall in seafood catch in 1995; if so, the findings of the study;

(b) in which category of fish did the decline take place;

(c) whether it is a fact that Kerala Government has been imposing a ban on trawling during the monsoon period, with a view to controlling the over-fishing in the Western Coast; and

(d) if so, whether the Institute has done any impact studies on the trawling ban and if so, the findings thereof?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA): (a) and (b) The catch of marine fish for the year 1995 estimated by the Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute (CMFRI), Cochin at 2.26 million tonnes is actually from the coastal water resources of the country. The total marine fish production of 2.707 million tonnes for the year 1995-96 from the coastal water resources as well as from the waters beyond in the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) does not indicate any decline in quantum.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The study by the CMFRI, Cochin indicated that fish production along the Kerala coast has shown an increasing trend since 1988 and is reported to have more or less stabilized presently.

Gauge conversion Projects in Karnataka

3243. SHRI S.M. KRISHNA:
SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of each of the gauge conversion projects undertaken or proposed to be undertaken in Karnataka;

(b) the stage of implementation of each of these projects and the date by which each project is expected to be started; and

(c) steps taken or proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) to (c) The Gauge conversion projects taken up in Karnataka under Project Uniguage, taken up on 1.4.92 and their stage of implementation is given below:

Bangalore-Mysore	Completed
Bangalore-Yellahanka	Completed
Bangalore-Hubli	Completed
Hospet-Hubli-Castle Rock	Completed
Miraj-Londa	Completed
Alnawar-Amedwadi	Completed
Swamihalli-Hospet	Completed
Gunda Road-Kotturu	Completed
Arasikere-Hassan	Completed
Yellahanka-Chickballapur	Completed
Bayapanahalli-Hossur	Completed
Shimoga-Birur	Completed
Chickjajur-Bellary	Completed
Hassan-Mangalore	Work in progress. TD 31.12.97
Kolar-Bangarpet	Work in progress. TD 31.3.97
Hassan-Mysore	Work in progress. TD 31.5.97
Hotgi-Bijapur-Gadag	Work in progress. TD 31.12.98
Shimoga-Talaguppa	Work in progress. TD 31.12.98

The works indicated as in progress are being progressed to suit the targets indicated.